given against them They all confessed their guilt, and the Lord Chief Justice, before passing judgment, used these •words

[6]1 am sorry to see an} so ill affected to this State as to become plotters and practisers against the State, and that so strongly as you and others in this action have done And my grief is the more in this, men of worth, service and learning are the actors in this conspiracy [1] Shall it be said m the -world abroad that we Englishmen, now after forty three years' peace under so gracious and renowned a Prince, are become weary of the government of such a Queen whom all the world else admires for her govern-ment ? Consider it well, whosoever had best hopes in this attempt of change, what would have followed upon it Let me tell you of the smallest hurt—the blood of children, families and friends, for none of yourselves can otherwise think but this action would have cost much blood And I am sorry to thini that Englishmen should seem to excuse themselves by ignorance of the law, which all subjects are bound to know and are bom to have the benefit of Some of you now at the Bar are Christians where, I pray you, did you ever read or hear that it was lawful for the subject to command or constrain his sovereign ? It is a thing against the law of God and all nations God forbid that by actions men should be allowed to expo"nd intents Now your actions tending to a sovereignty cannot but by your-selves be expounded treason But your intents, if they were otherwise, as you pretend, yet are they not to expound the law For know this that the law which tends principally to the pre-serving of the Prince's person is more tender and precise than

in any other point' And so concluded, remembering them all to have a care of their souls

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It is reported that there are printed of late in Middleburgh, by means of some Englishmen of factious humour, a great number of books touching the succession to the Crown, under the name of Peter Wentworth (that died in the Tower in '97), which are matters not fit to be handled in that sort and published in her Majesty's time These are intended to be sent over here and dispersed amongst such as are curious of novelties Mr,